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POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NH
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have framed any policy for the development of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the policy will also address the issue of allocation of funds to the State Governments for renovation and repair of roads and construction work on Public Private Partnership(PPP) basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b): The Government has taken up a massive progarmme for development of National Highways in the country. The programme is executed through various phases of National Highways Development Projects(NHDP). A policy decision has been taken to implement the NHDP Phase III and onwards through Public Private Partnership(PPP) mode. A Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) has also been drawn up for development of National Highways and state roads of the North Eastern Region of the country. A few projects under SARDP-NE has also been identified for implementation by PPP mode.

(c) and (d): The National Highway projects implemented through PPP mode are executed through the concessionaire. However, the Government bears only the expenditure of feasibility studies, land acquisition, utility shifting and viability gap funding wherever required for such projects. Therefore, the allocation of funds to the State Governments for implementation of such projects does not arise.